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In re Application of:

Applicant(s): TAN, ET AL

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SOUTHERN PINE KRAFT FIBERS

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Examiner: J. A FORTUNA

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2)
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant(s) hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of certain documents which the Examiner might deem relevant to the issue of patentability of the claims pending in the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed herewith please find Form PTO/SB/08, Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant, 3 sheet(s), and a copy of each reference cited thereon.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. 1.113 and before the mailing of a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311 and before the mailing of an action that otherwise closes prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

The undersigned counsel hereby authorizes the Office to charge counsel's deposit account no. 09-0525 in the amount of 180.00 , that being the fee required under 37

C.F.R. 1.17(p), plus any deficiency, and authorizes the Office to credit back to said deposit account any overpayment made hereby. Applicant(s) respectfully requests pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) that the Examiner considers each of the references disclosed herewith.

The submission of the documents enclosed herewith is not intended as an admission that such documents constitute prior art under Title 35 of the United States Code, as against the claims of the above-referenced patent application. Applicant(s) does not waive any right to take action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise overcome the use of any document submitted herewith as prior art under Title 35 of the United States Code.

Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the Examiner initial each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 and return same to the undersigned attorney in accordance with MPEP 609.

Should the Examiner have any questions relating to the submission of the within Information Disclosure Statement or relating to the copies submitted therewith, Applicant(s) respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned counsel, who can be reached at the telephone numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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